

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 297 - SB 236

January 31, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Deletes the requirement that proclamations made by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA), establishing hunting and fishing seasons, be filed with appropriate county clerks and requires that such proclamations be posted on the TWRA's website.

FISCAL IMPACT:

**Decrease State Expenditures –
\$900/FY23-24 and Subsequent Years/Wildlife Resources Fund**

Assumptions:

- Currently, new or amended proclamations of the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission are printed and mailed through USPS to the local TWRA wildlife officer. The officer delivers those documents for posting at the local county clerk's office. The county clerk returns a postcard prepaid by the TWRA acknowledging the posting of the proclamation.
- Based on information provided by the TWRA, the agency delivers proclamations approximately five times per year and most have statewide relevance; therefore, proclamations are generally sent to all 95 counties.
- There is a cost of \$1.47 to mail an envelope and \$0.47 per post card; therefore, there is a total cost of \$1.94 for each proclamation per county (\$1.47 + \$0.47).
- There will be a recurring decrease in state expenditures from the Wildlife Resources Fund in FY23-24 and subsequent years of \$922 (\$1.94 x 95 counties x 5 proclamations per year).
- The TWRA can post such proclamations on its website utilizing existing resources, without a significant increase in state expenditures.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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